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TARGET NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES USING)	
MASS SPECTROMETRY)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

This paper follows a response to a Restriction Requirement filed on April 27, 2007. The applicants are now amending the claims prior to examination on the merits.

Amendments to the claims appear in a Listing of Claims beginning at page 2 of this paper

Applicants remarks and response begins on page 7 of this paper.